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WEATHERIZATION AND ARRA

Background: The Weatherization Assistance Program has been assigned a significant role in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA or “Recovery Act”)

1. Recovery Act will increase Department of Energy (DOE) portion for local Wx efforts more than 20 times the normal volume over a two year period.
2. The Recovery Act gives preference to activities that can be started and completed expeditiously, including a goal of using at least 50% of the funds made available for activities that can be initiated not later than June 17, 2009
3. Historically, Indiana has received approximately \$6 Million a year in weatherization funding from DOE.

WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM CHANGES

- A. Income Level – From 150% of Poverty to 200%
- B. Assistance Per Dwelling - \$5,000
- C. Additional funding for Training and Technical Assistance
- D. Dwellings weatherized prior to September 30, 1994 can now be re-weatherized.

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Grant Application

- Transparency and accountability are the essential features of the Act

Production

- New congressional interest in monthly production amounts.
- Accurate, timely reporting

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The transparency requirements of the Recovery Act are intended to ensure that the crucial accountability objectives are met:

- Funds awarded and distributed in a prompt, fair, and reasonable manner
- Recipients and uses of all funds are transparent to the public, and the public benefit of these funds are reported clearly, accurately, and in a timely manner
- Funds are used for authorized purposes, and instances of fraud, waste, error, and abuse are mitigated
- Projects funded under this Act avoid unnecessary delays and cost overruns
- Program goals are achieved, including specific program outcomes and improved results on broader economic indicators

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Prevailing Wages

- “All laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors on projects funded directly or assisted in whole or in part by and through the Federal Government pursuant to the Recovery Act shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar in the locality as determined by the Sec. of Labor”
- County Level information can be found by going to the Secretary of Labor’s website at www.wdol.gov
- It is the understanding of the State, that the Department of Energy is currently working with the Secretary of Labor to develop a Weatherization job classification.
- Prevailing wage language comes from the ARRA authorization and Davis-Bacon Requirements.

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PUBLIC HEARING

- ❖ IHCD is required to hold a public hearing at least 10 days prior to submission of a state plan
- ❖ The purpose of the hearing is to present to the general public, sub-grantees selected and IHCD's plan for administration.

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Other Important Points

- Financial and Accounting systems should be revised as necessary to segregate, track, and maintain these funds apart and separate from other revenue streams
- A-133 Audits
- Grantee Monitoring

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Other Important Points

- 5.16 Vehicle and Equipment over \$5000– For approval of Vehicle and Capital Expenses Purchases, the minimum information needed:
 - ✓ Name of requesting Grantee or Agency
 - ✓ Where and How it will be used
 - ✓ Replacement or Expansion
 - ✓ How Procurement will be done (includes confirmation that 2 CFR 225 and 2 CFR 230 will be met)
 - ✓ Funding Sources
 - ✓ Copies of bid specs
 - ✓ Statement that lowest bid will be selected

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Other Important Points

- False Claims Act– Grantees and sub grantees shall promptly refer to the DOE or other appropriate Inspector General any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, contractor, sub grantee, subcontractor, or other person has submitted a false claim under the False Claims Act or has committed a criminal or civil violation of laws
- Back-up documentation for all costs charged to the grant

EXPLANATION OF TIMEFRAMES

Funds will be awarded in two separate allocations. Attachment G to the RFP only indicates the amount of the first allocation of \$65 million

Responsibilities of IHCD

- ❖ All funds must be committed by September 30, 2010
- ❖ All funds must be spent out by March 20, 2012

Responsibilities of Sub-Grantees

- ❖ Applications must be received by 5 PM on April 15th.
- ❖ Benchmarks for spending first allocation must be met as outlined on page 2-2.